

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES – Tribal Welfare Department – Sri E.Ravindra Babu, formerly Project Officer, (FAC) I.T.D.A Seethampeta, Srikakulam District – Committed certain irregularities in purchase of nine motor cycles – Disciplinary action initiated – Further action dropped with a warning – Orders – Issued

SOCIAL WELFARE (T.W Ser.II.2) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Rt.No.462

Dated:28-6-2008

Read the following:

- 1.From the General Administration (V&E) Department Vigilance Report No.104 (561/V&E/NRZ/04 dated: .8-9-2004.
- 2.Govt.Memo.No.10202/TW.Ser.II.2/2004-19 dated 20-11-2006.
- 3.From the Sri E.Ravindra Babu, formerly Project Officer, ITDA, Seethampeta explanation dated 26-2-2007
- 4.From the Director of Tribal Welfare,Hyderabad Rc.No.11/11321/04 dated 15-2-2008.

ORDER:-

Based on the report of General Administration (V&E) Department in the reference first read above, the following charge were framed in the reference second read above against Sri E. Ravindra Babu, formerly Project Officer (FAC) I.T.D.A Seethampeta, Srikakulam District for the irregularities in purchase of nine motor cycles

Charge:

That Sri E.Ravindra Babu while working as Project Officer (FAC) I.T.D.A., Seethampeta has collected quotations for supply of Rajdoot Motor Cycles instead of calling for tenders through the news papers. M/s Neelam Agro Services, Srikakulam had given quotations for supply of nine motor cycles @ Rs.35,180/- for each. The Project Officer, Seethampeta with ulterior motive obtained another quotation from Sainath Motors, Visakhapatnam for supply of nine motors cycle @ Rs.34,540/- each duly misplacing the earlier quotation approved by him to the Neelam Agro Service, Srikakulam and placed purchase order on 17-9-1997, in collusion with the Officer on Special duty, Project Resource Centre, I.T.D.A., Seethampeta. The P.O., ITDA, Seethampeta has also furnished a DD for Rs.3,10,860/- towards total cost of nine motor cycles without the A.P.G.S.T. number and door number of the firm. Sainath Motor failed to supply the same and after lapse of three years. Hence the charge.

2. In the reference third read above, Sri E.Ravindra Babu, formerly Project Officer (FAC) I.T.D.A Seethampeta, Srikakulam District has submitted explanation. In his explanation Sri E.Ravindra Babu has stated that as per the decision of the Purchase Committee of I.T.D.A., Seethampet, quotations were called for supply of 9 (nine) Rajdoot Excel Motor Cycles that order of purchase was placed with M/s. Sainath Motors, Visakhapatnam and an amount of Rs.3,10,860/- was paid to the Firm by means of D.D, since they have assured to deliver the Motor Cycle with in 15 days. He has further stated that when the Firm failed to supply the Motor cycle, a telegram was issued on 4-11-1997; that the firm replied through telegram dt 7-1-1998 that they will supply the vehicles by 19-1-1999 failing which they will return the amount; that the firm was reminded through letters on 11-6-1998 etc; that he was relieved from I.T.D.A., Seethampet in November 1998 and that further correspondence has been made by his successor by filing Civil Suit , lodging Police complaint etc. and finally the firm refunded the amount of Rs.3,10,860/- to the I.T.D.A., Seethampet. He has therefore requested to drop the charge.

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3. Government after careful examination of the matter observed that since the entire Principal amount of Rs.3,10,860/- has been recovered from the company and efforts are also being made to collect the penal interest, though the Department suffered loss in the transaction, there is no evidence to show that the charged officer has colluded with the company with any ulterior motive and his action could be termed as lack of prudence, as he should have asked his subordinate staff to make enquiries about the credibility of the firm before making advance payment. As no motives can be attributed to the charged officer

and he could be let off with a warning to be careful in future in such matters. Accordingly, Government hereby order to drop all further action on the charge framed against Sri E.Ravindra Babu, Formerly Project Officer, (FAC) ITDA, Seethampet, Srikakulam District and warned to be more careful in future.

4. The Director of Tribal Welfare, Hyderabad is requested to take action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

V.NAGI REDDY

PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri Sri E.Ravindra Babu, formerly Project Officer,
(FAC) I.T.D.A Seethampeta, Srikakulam District

Through: Director of Tribal Welfare, Hyderabad

The Director of Tribal Welfare, Hyderabad

The Project Officer, ITDA, Seethampeta, Srikakulam District

Copy to:

The Secretary, A.P.Vigilance Commission, Hyderabad

The General Administration (V & E) Department

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//FORWARDED : BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER.